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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 22 April 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 22 July 2002 to 22 September, 2002.

	A one month	extension is	requested; t	he extensi	on fee	is \$0.00.
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- A second month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$200.00
- A three month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on *.
- ☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated *.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$is attached.
- Charge \$200.00 to <u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. <u>524182000200</u>.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. <u>524182000200</u>. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 23, 2002

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